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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN PHNOM PENH

REF: PHNOM PENH 3091

1. WE THINK GUB WOULD BE FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD RE-ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE IN PHNOM PENH WHENEVER IT CAN BE CONVINCED THAT SECURITY SITUATION HAS IMPROVED AND THAT ARTILLERY BOMBARDMENT OF CITY UNLIKELY RECUR.

2. WE SHALL TAKE WHATEVER OCCASIONS ARI X TO SUGGEST THIS IDEA TO GUB, AND FOR THIS PURPOSE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE A CONCISE SANITIZED -- NOT NECESSARILY UNCLASSIFIED -- REVIEW OF MILITARY SITUATION IN PAST THREE OR FOUR MONTHS WITH APPRECIATION OF PROBABLE FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN NEXT FEW MONTHS. HOWEVER, CASE FOR RETURN OF BURMESE AMBASSADOR OR A CHARGE CAN MORE EFFECTIVELY BE MADE BY CAMBODIANVI THEMSELVES.

3. OBVIOUS CHANNEL WOULD BE GKR EMBASSY HERE, PREFERABLY COUNSELLOR YIM KONG SAINVETH (AMBASSADOR UM AMRETH IS INEFFECTIVE). ANOTHER DESIRABLE CHANNEL TO GUB WOULD BE FOR KHMER MILITARY ATTACHE BANGKOK TO BRIEF HIS BURMESE COUNTERPART ON SOME FAIRLY REGULAR BASIS.

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4. SIMILAR APPROACHES MIGHT BE MADE BY OTHER CAREFULLY-SELECTED KHMER AMBASSADORS OR MILATTS TO THEIR BURMESE COUNTERPARTS; UN SIM IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE SUITUGLE CHOICE. APPROPRIATE BURMESE TARTETS FOR SUCH APPROACHES INCLUDE AMB U MAUNG MAUNG

IN CANBERRA, FIRST SECRETARY U THA TUN OR MILATT COL SOE MYINT
IN LONDON, AMB U HLA MAW IN KL, OR AMB U AUNG SHWE IN PARIS
(ALL THOSE NAMED ARE EX-BURMESE ARMY OFFICERS).

5. GKR MIGHT ALSO CONSIDER BRIEF VISIT BY SPECIAL ENVOY (SAK
SUTSAKHAN'S VISIT LAST YEAR APPARENTLY WENT WELL), BUT NOT FOR
AT LEAST A MONTH IN VIEW OF CURRENT GUB PREOCCUPATION WITH
FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT.

6. WE DO NOT RECOMMEND USE OF THAI OR OTHER INTERMEDIARIES,
OR ATTEMPT TO FIND BUDDHIST CHANNEL.
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